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U.S. Patent Nos. 5,760,887, 4,699,507, and 5,738,901 were previously cited in an earlier filed Information Disclosure Statement. Copies of non-U.S. Patent documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


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Respectfully submitted,

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